



Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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Date: May 5, 2016
Time: 2:30 pm – 3:15 pm
Place: 1600 Pacific Highway – Room 358
San Diego, CA 92101

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Phil Deming at 2:30 pm. Those present were Executive Committee members, Phil Deming, Chair, Jenifer Mendel, 1st Vice Chair, John Sturm, 2nd Vice Chair, Rebecca Hernandez, Member-at-Large. Behavioral Health Services staff, Alfredo Aguirre, BHS Director, and Traci Finch, Administrative Analyst III were also present. Katherine Rule, HHSA CAO Fellow, was introduced.

II. Approval of the Minutes from April 7, 2016

M/S approval of minutes Sturm/Mendel. All ayes.

III. Hearing from the Public (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

No public comment.

IV. Fall Retreat

A discussion was held on whether to hold the BHAB Retreat in October or if another time of year would be better. After consideration of pros and cons, it was decided to keep the Retreat in October. Traci will poll members as to which Saturday in October would work best for them. Retreat will once again be held from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

V. BHAB Advocates

- Mandatory Advocate Roles
 - Discussion: Vacant or To-Be-Vacated Positions
 - Multi-Ethnic Concerns Advocate - John Sturm will be stepping down
 - CALBHB/C Representative - Tom Behr will be stepping down as Past BHAB Chair. Traci informed the Executive Committee that it did not appear that a BHAB Chair was required to fill this Advocate seat, however, she is still waiting to hear back from Ms. May Farr, the Southern Region Coordinator of CALBHB/C and will report back on any new information received.
- Non-Mandated Advocate Roles
 - Discussion: Vacant or To-Be Vacated Positions
 - Adult Council Advocate - Gloria Harris resigned from BHAB
 - Men's Mental Health Advocate - Phillip Deming will be stepping down
 - Homeless Advocate - Mike Matthews/Jerry Hall (alternate) currently fill other advocate positions
 - Decision(s):
 - Advocacy roles were "formally" voted on by the BHAB members, therefore changes to any of the roles will also have to be voted on by the BHAB members.

- Phil will advise BHAB members at today's meeting on the Executive Committee's discussion and recommend BHAB members vote on which Non-Mandated Advocate roles should remain and which should be eliminated.
- Traci suggested Phil contact the advocates individually for their input on whether or not they would like to continue in their role.
- Phil will ask BHAB members at today's meeting if anyone is interested in filling the vacant advocate positions. If so, they should contact Traci.
- Voting regarding the Advocate positions will take place at the June or July BHAB meeting as an Action item.

VI. BHAB Presentations Calendar

- Possible topics for the SDPD to address at their July 7th Update to BHAB was reviewed. The topics chosen were:
 - Incidence reports / crisis calls
 - Training for their officers to assist the behavioral health population (if time)
- The amount of time and number of presentations per meeting was discussed and the following suggestions were made:
 - Presentations should be an overview of the subject matter to allow time for Q & A. If they choose to, presenters could provide a more detailed PowerPoint as a handout.
 - Mailing the BHAB meeting packets out earlier, with a request for members to review the presentation materials prior to the meeting, would possibly cut down on the number of questions asked.
 - Limiting the presentations to one per meeting would allow time for an informative presentation as well as time for the Q & A period. The decision was made to try just one presentation per month – if it doesn't work after a few months, then BHAB can consider going back to two topics.
- Traci prepared a list of 2016 BHAB Priorities, indicating those priorities that have already been addressed this year through presentations, etc.

VII. Announcements

Vanessa Mapula has resigned from the BHAB; District 1 will be working to find a replacement. A special election will need to be held in June to fill her seat as an Executive Officer. Phil will make an announcement at today's regular meeting and ask interested candidates to contact Traci.

VIII. Adjournment

Adjourned at 3:15 pm

Reviewed by,



Traci Finch, Administrative Analyst III
Behavioral Health Advisory Board Support Staff

Approved by,



Phillip Deming, Chairperson
Behavioral Health Advisory Board